GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:411
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INDO- JAPAN TIES
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan and India are steadily progressing to foster wide-ranging and multifaceted relationship;

(b) If so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether India and Japan have decided to work against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

(d) If so, the details of talks held in this regard; and

(e) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)- (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. 411 to be answered on 24.08.2005 regarding Indo-Japan Ties`.
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India and Japan have been working together to broaden and deepen their bilateral relations and cooperation on regional and global issues, under the mutually-agreed framework of Global Partnership. During the recent visit of Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to India in late April, 2005, the two countries agreed to pursue all-round and comprehensive development of bilateral relations, with a particular focus on strengthening economic ties. They also decided to foster closer dialogue and collaboration to secure peace, stability and prosperity in Asia and to strengthen cooperation on global issues, like UN reforms, environment, energy, terrorism, disarmament, non-proliferation and security. India and Japan also agreed on an Eight-fold Initiative to realise the full potential of the Global Partnership. India and Japan are also working under the framework of G-4 for an early realisation of UN reforms.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d &e) In the Joint Statement signed by the Prime Ministers of India and Japan on April 29, 2005 during Prime Minister Koizumi`s visit to India, the two countries agreed to work as partners against proliferation. While expressing their respective positions on the approaches towards the shared goal of achieving a world free of nuclear weapons, the two Governments affirmed that they would seek to promote commonalities and identify areas of convergence for mutual cooperation between them in a constructive manner, contributing to the advancement of overall bilateral relations.